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REFERENCE:

PROBABLE LAUNCH SITES
PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FOUR PROBABLE LAUNCH SITES ARE NEWLY IDENTIFIED IN THE AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 NM EAST OF THE PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX.

2. REMARKS:

THE PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED ON IT CONTAINS 4 TYPE IA (SOFT) LAUNCH PADS, 2 TYPE IB (SOFT) SITES, ONE TYPE IIA (SOFT) SITE, ONE TYPE IIB (SOFT) SITE, 2 TYPE IIC (SOFT) SITES, ONE TYPE IIIA (HARD) SITE, AND ONE SOFT SITE (13) WHICH IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE ICBM ASSOCIATED. MISSILE SYSTEMS (ICBM) ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABOVE SITES INCLUDE THE SS-6, SS-7, AND SS-8.

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THE AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 NM EAST OF THE COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON

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4 AREAS OF UNIDENTI-

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FIED ACTIVITY WERE OBSERVED IN THIS GENERAL
VICINITY.

3. LOCATION:

COMPLEX -- NORTHWESTERN USSR, NE OF THE TOWN
OF PLESETSK.

SITES 11, 12, 14, AND 15 -- APPROXIMATELY 23
NM ENE OF THE PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX SUPPORT
FACILITY.

4. COLLATERAL/COMINT:

NONE

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

THIS MISSION

6. NEGATION DATE:

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SITES 12, 14, AND 15 --

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7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

NONE

8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

NONE

9. MISSION READOUT:

THE UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY LOCATED

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APPROXIMATELY 20 NM EAST OF THE COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY IS TOTALLY COVERED. THE POWER TRACE OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] TERMINATING IN THE WILDERNESS TO THE NORTH HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO THE RAIL LINE LEADING FROM PLESETSK. THE HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREA SHOWS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED] THERE ARE 3 AREAS OF NEWLY IDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY LOCATED ABOUT 6 NM ENE OF THE HOUSING AREA. THE ACTIVITY IS IN THE FORM OF 3 CLEARED AREAS CONTAINING EITHER GRADING OR SHALLOW EXCAVATIONS. THE MAIN ROAD SERVICING THESE AREAS HAS UNDERGONE SOME IMPROVEMENT SINCE [REDACTED] AND THE SHORT ROADS SERVING THE CLEARINGS ARE NEW.

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THE 4 AREAS OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] ARE NOW CONSIDERED TO BE PROBABLE LAUNCH SITES. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO KNOWN PROTOTYPES FOR THESE PROBABLE SITES AT THE TEST RANGES. EACH SITE IS DOUBLE SECURED AND SERVED BY GOOD ROADS, HAS SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND IS GENERALLY LOCATED ON HIGH GROUND. THERE ARE GROSS SIMILARITIES BETWEEN 3 OF THE 4 AREAS. THE 4 AREAS ARE DESIGNATED PROBABLE LAUNCH SITES 11, 12, 14, AND 15.

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PROBABLE LAUNCH SITE 11 (6257N - 4125E) IS LOCATED ABOUT 3,000 FT NORTH OF THE HOUSING AREA. THE SITE SHOWS LITTLE OR NO CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A POSSIBLE CRANE IS LOCATED NEAR THE TERMINUS OF THE LEVEL EARTH MOUND. THE GROSS IMAGERY OF THIS SITE APPEARS VERY SIMILAR TO 2 AREAS OF ACTIVITY AT PROBABLE SITE 15. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE 2 SILOS AT THIS SITE. ONE WOULD BE AT OR NEAR THE TERMINUS OF THE LEVEL EARTH MOUND AND THE OTHER ABOUT 325 FT TO THE NW. NO DETAILS CAN BE SEEN. THE AZIMUTH OF THE LEVEL EARTH MOUND IS APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] DEGREES. A NEWLY IDENTIFIED BUILDING, APPROXIMATELY 100 X 20 FT, IS LOCATED ABOUT 200 FT TO THE REAR OF THE POSSIBLE SILOS.

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PROBABLE LAUNCH SITE 12 (6258N - 4132E) IS LOCATED 3.5 NM ENE OF THE HOUSING AREA. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SQUARE EXCAVATION HAS BEEN BACKFILLED. A LIGHT-TONED OBJECT, MEASURING ABOUT [REDACTED] IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE FORMER EXCAVATION. THE SECURITY FENCE IS 5-SIDED AND IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO CONTAIN A CONVENTIONAL "L"-SHAPED INTERFEROMETER. A SEPARATELY SECURED AREA HAS BEEN ADDED WEST OF THE ACCESS ROAD. IT CONTAINS A "T"-SHAPED ROAD PATTERN WITH A SMALL BUILDING AT EACH END OF THE BAR OF THE "T".

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PROBABLE LAUNCH SITE 14 (6258N - 4133E) IS LOCATED ABOUT 2,300 FT EAST OF SITE 12. THIS SITE SHOWS LITTLE CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED] THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LINEAR EARTHEN SCAR IS 340 FT LONG. THE LENGTH

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AND ORIENTATION [] OF THE SCARRING IS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE LENGTH AND ORIENTATION OF THE EARTH MOUND AT SITE 11. NO OTHER SIMILARITIES ARE OBSERVED.

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PROBABLE LAUNCH SITE 15 (6258N - 4124E) IS LOCATED ABOUT 1.5 NM NW OF THE HOUSING AREA. THIS SITE CONSISTS OF 3 INDIVIDUAL AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY. TWO AREAS HAVE A GENERAL CRUCIFORM CONFIGURATION, THE NORTH LEG OF EACH BEING A DRAINAGE DITCH LEADING TOWARD THE RIVER. THE EASTERNMOST OF THE 2 CONTAINS 2 POSSIBLE SILOS OR SILO CASINGS WHICH MEASURE APPROXIMATELY [] IN DIAMETER AND ARE SEPARATED BY A DISTANCE OF 325 FT. A LINEAR DITCH CONNECTING THE 2 POSSIBLE SILOS IS

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[] A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 85 X [] IS LOCATED IN THE SAME RELATIVE POSITION AS AN EARTH MOUNDED BUNKER AT SITE 11. THE CRUCIFORM TO THE WEST IS COMPOSED OF 2 INTERSECTING DITCHES, EACH CONTAINING A PROBABLE CONDUIT. A LOOP ROAD PATTERN APPEARS TO BE ALONG 2 SIDES OF EACH OF THE CRUCIFORM PATTERNS.

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THERE ARE 2 ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE SILO CORINGS OR CASINGS LOCATED SE OF THE EASTERN CRUCIFORM. THEY MEASURE APPROXIMATELY [] DIAMETER AND ARE SEPARATED BY A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 370 FT. AT PRESENT

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THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT CLEARED AREA TO INCLUDE ALL COMPONENTS AT THE CRUCIFORMS. THERE ARE 2 BUILDINGS, APPROXIMATELY 150 X 40 FT, UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ACCESS ROAD.

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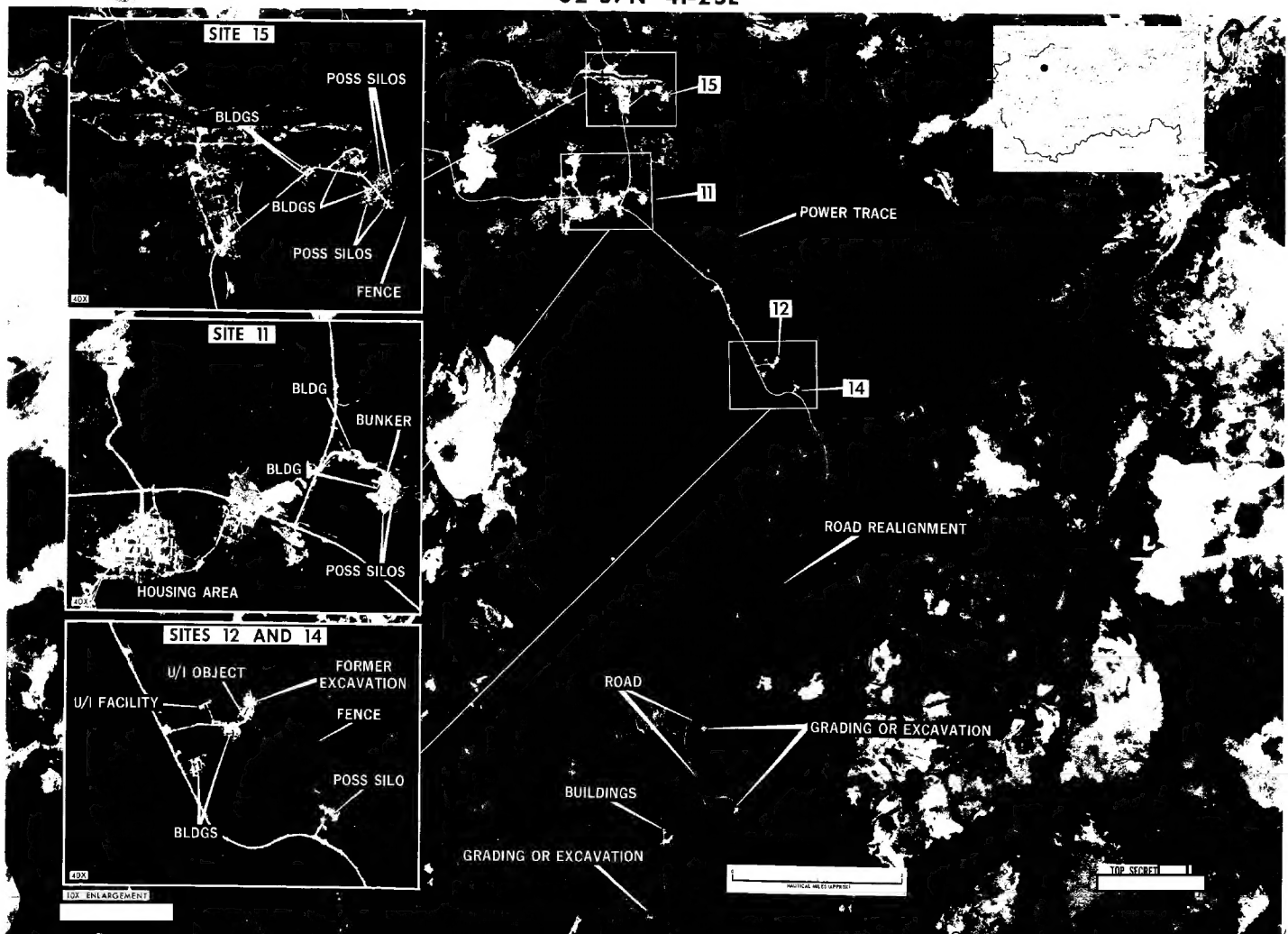
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